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Applicant: Philippe Berna
Appn. Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE
DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A
DEVICE AND ITS USE.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:
Prior any action in the above continuation application and in response to the Office
Action mailed 2000, January 14, please amend as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute new drawing sheets 1 and 2 for the corresponding sheets on
file.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 3-18 in amended form:

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3. (Six Times Amended) The device of claim 2 wherein [in which] said
[substantially] elastic buffer includes [comprises] a ring portion at an end of said
buffer opposite said contact face, and said buffer [which is covering part of said
arm to which it] is secured to said at least one arm by inserting said at least one
arm into said ring portion such that said ring portion encircles said at least one
arm.

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4. (Seven Times Amended) The [A] device according to claim 2 further
comprising [wherein to said two arms are added] two additional [other] movable
arms, each additional arm having a transverse hole therethrough, and said arms
being mounted on the support part with the support part being disposed within the
transverse holes of the additional arms, and wherein the two first arms and the two
additional arms along the support part are each provided with a respective said
[substantially] elastic [buffers] buffer, and wherein the [which are both turned by
their] contact face of the elastic buffer of each of the two first arms face towards a
first [the same] direction, and the contact face of the elastic buffer of each of the
two additional [other] arms face [being provided with substantially elastic buffers
which are both turned by their contact face] towards a second direction opposite
the first [other] direction.

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